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6 June 2003

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RE: BRAMBLES INDUSTRIES PLC Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption (File No. 82-5205)

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

The enclosed information is being submitted by Brambles Industries plc (the "Company") under paragraph (b) (1) (i) of Rule 12g3-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). The Company's file number is indicated in the upper right hand corner of each unbound page submitted with this letter.

In accordance with paragraphs (b) (4) and (b) (5) of the Rule, the documents submitted with this letter are being submitted with the understanding that such documents will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and that neither this letter nor the submission of such documents shall constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Exchange Act.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Company Secretary

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## **BRAMBLES INDUSTRIES PLC**

## Brambles submits a merger notice to the Office of Fair Trading in the UK

Brambles announces that Recall Corporation ("Recall"), a wholly owned company in the Brambles Group, has today submitted a Merger Notice to the Office of Fair Trading under the Fair Trading Act 1973 in connection with its possible interest in the purchase of Hays IMS, which is the subject of a sale process being carried out by Hays Plc. The submission of the Merger Notice represents the first stage in obtaining merger clearance in the UK by Recall for any potential acquisition of Hays IMS. For the avoidance of doubt, Recall has not been selected as the preferred purchaser and has not entered into any agreement with Hays Plc for the purchase of Hays IMS. In accordance with the conditions surrounding the sale process being carried out by Hays Plc, no further comment will be made by Brambles or Recall.

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